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Applicant(s) : Rainer Zimmerman et al.

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For : ISOLATED DIMERIC FIBROBLAST ACTIVATION
PROTEIN ALPHA, AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.111

This amendment is submitted in response to the office action of January 29, 2002. A two month extension of time is required, and a request therefor, with fee, accompanies this amendment.

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 5 and 16-19 without prejudice.

Please add claims 20-26 which follow:

Claim 20: An isolated protein consisting of:

- (i) at least one catalytic domain of FAPa protein, the amino acid sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein said at least one catalytic domain consists of: the